Press conf 9/5/73 – in East Room rather than regular room for it

Opens with attack on "do nothing" Congress. Will send them "new State of the Union" message

Or, pick new fights to have attention on fights rather than his failures.

There is still a quaver in his voice. He feels unsure, regardless of how he talks.

If he were without question big, he would be seeking conciliation + agreement, not discord. He knows he has made a mess + he is seeking to transfer the blame.

? on Agnew – says quite proper, but twice in answers says "I won't dignify" by answering. Personal as hell. All he had to say is he should not comment because there is an on-going investigation.

Dan R. Before answering, testy "any other questions you want to go into?"

Claims value reduced by gazebo + fences. Very nervous in response. Stammers.

Not "any money there except my own"

Sold "everything" before taking office – no stocks + bonds.

"I owe money" on all properties, as though this is something to be proud of.

Inarticulately says + apparently independent Fed Reserve want – "we are" tightening ~~too~~ up.

Won't define what he means by a "definite" ruling.

When Rather follow Jarrell "Are the two networks are working together". Paranoid.

Dan ~~never~~ asked FBI and high officials say otherwise. How come?

"Because I had asked them ... within the WH itself."

RN: "Did talk to the AG I should remind you." RN: "All the

major figures involved. "Days given to AJ & was "run-through".
& Lindley on "Valeriani": Frankly on "prime time" and answer is more pressure - got right back on [illegible] walks.
Ziegler walked up & signaled him to end - visible on TV
Zieg. was visible on camera throughout - on JL's right. There was no stage, no wings into which he could ~~dissolve~~ be invisible to audience